

Bread Loaf eWeekly

Bread Loaf School of English 2021 Session
Your Guide to This Week at Bread Loaf

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Welcome to Week #3

Greetings, Bread Loafers —

We're in full swing this week!

Be sure to tune in Tuesday for BLSE's annual Elizabeth Drew Memorial Lecture, which is open to all, with no worries about finding a seat in the virtual Little Theater. This year's event features activist and political commentator Bakari Sellers in conversation with BLSE faculty member Doug Jones. Your questions are welcomed.

Here's a question: *Who is the woman for whom this special lecture is named?*

Answer: Elizabeth A. Drew. Drew was a force — a poet, teacher, and literary critic who taught at Bread Loaf from 1941-1963. At least one of Drew's Bread Loaf classes had an enrollment of 92, so it was held in the Little Theater to accommodate the throngs. Drew also had a distinguished career as a professor of literature at Smith College, where she inspired her student Sylvia Plath to switch her major from studio arts to honors English, thus changing the course of 20th-century poetry. Drew authored several books that focused on how to read and enjoy literature, in particular, poetry. She was born in Singapore and educated at Lady Margaret Hall Oxford. She gained her faculty position at Smith as the result of a single lecture, which launched her on a cross-country lecture tour. Drew is easy to spot in this 1959 BLSE faculty photo, seated second from the left.



For more about her point of view on educational theory: [Literature in College by Elizabeth A. Drew, published in *The Atlantic Monthly*, January, 1923.](#)

See you at the Drew!

Bread Loaf 100+ Events Staff

This Week at Bread Loaf

For the complete July 2021 events calendar, scroll down a few pages.

We're highlighting this week's events that are open to the public — feel free to share the registration links with your friends, family, and colleagues. Both events will be recorded and posted on the BLSE website.

The Elizabeth Drew Memorial Lecture

Tuesday, July 6, at noon EDT

A conversation with Bakari Sellers, moderated by Bread Loaf faculty member Doug Jones.

Bakari Sellers made history in 2006 when, at just 22 years old, he defeated a 26-year incumbent State Representative to become the youngest member of the South Carolina state legislature and the youngest African American elected official in the nation. In 2014, Sellers won the Democratic nomination for Lt. Governor. [REGISTER HERE](#)

Shakespeare's *Pericles*: A reading by the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble

Wednesday, July 7, at 7:30 p.m.

A virtual reading by the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble of the second half of Shakespeare's play.

Pirates, prostitutes, saints and sinners, gods and goddesses, miracles, parents reunited with children, and the dead returning to life. A play about regeneration, forgiveness, and the healing power of time.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Bulletin Board

Announcements, news, job openings, photos, etc. Send your updates to jeweber@middlebury.edu.

Acting Ensemble Re-emergence Project Submission Deadline

Send your writing on the theme of re-emergence to Bread Loaf stage manager Amy Stern, astern@middlebury.edu, by Monday, July 5, at midnight EDT. The performance is scheduled for Friday, July 23, at 5 p.m.

Teachers Teaching Teachers (T3)

Hllary Howard-Fredrick is coordinating T3 this summer. Teachers Teaching Teachers is exactly what it sounds like — each week, we share our questions and knowledge around different pedagogical topics. For more information, check out the BreadWeb group. [REGISTER HERE](#)

Here is the schedule of topics for the summer:

July 6: Alternative Assignments/Assessments

July 13: Community Building in the Post-Covid Classroom

July 20: (Re)Establishing Routines in the Classroom

July 27: Making the Canon More Accessible

Research Request

Loafers! Have you ever worked at an independent school before? Have you had to assess student writing? If you answered, "Yes" to both questions, I would love to hear from you! Please take 10 minutes to complete this survey to help me gather some data to help me flesh out some ideas for my project in my Anti-Racist Writing tutorial. If you have any questions about this survey, please reach out to me. Thanks so much! (You do not need to be a current Loafer to fill out the survey!)

<https://forms.gle/dTDAbMdFfkzLkpT38>

~ Denny (dennyg727@gmail.com)

Annual Poetry and Fiction Contests

Writers! Answer the call for submissions to the Bread Loaf poetry and fiction contests! Students may submit one poem (maximum 40 lines) for the Robert Haiduke Poetry Contest, and/or one piece of fiction (ideally self-contained) of no more than 10 double-spaced pages. Please use one-inch margins and a font size no smaller than 12. The winner(s) will receive a cash award, and the winning works will be posted on BreadNet and on the Bread Loaf website. To enter either contest, submit your work in a Word document via email to Karen Browne at karen_browne@breadnet.middlebury.edu. Include in your email your full name and the title of your poem or piece of fiction. Be sure your name is not visible in your attached entry. **The deadline for both contests is midnight on Sunday, July 11, 2021.**

BLTN Journal

We encourage teachers to consider the [Bread Loaf Teacher Network Journal](#) as a possible venue for publication of work produced this summer. Tom McKenna, who edits the journal, will be glad to review submissions; please contact him at tpmckenna@middlebury.edu.

News from Bread Loaf Teacher Network

The July 8th BLTN meeting will feature BLSE and Spelman College faculty member, Dr. Michelle Bachelor Robinson, who will be discussing her community-based research and curricula in her talk "Literacies Learning in and about Communities: Intergenerational Engagement in Cultural Spaces." The meeting will also feature BLTN Fellows Hillary Howard-Fredrick, Kayla Hostetler, Shaleisa Brewer, and Anna Loomer, who will discuss the projects for which they received Dixie Goswami Social Action grants. BLTN meetings are open to the entire Bread Loaf community. [Register for the meetings HERE](#).

BreadWeb Tips

Contact Tom McKenna (message on BreadWeb or email tpmckenn@middlebury.edu) with any BreadWeb questions.

Active groups on BreadWeb beyond Cyberbarn include Dawn Patrol (we'd love to see your photos!), BLTN General, Seniors, First-Year Students, Teachers Teaching Teachers, Anti-racist Resources, and Blue Parlor. **Just this weekend, Damon Korf started a public Fellini Fan Club group.** (From Damon — Are you a Fellini fan? Are you all like: "La Dolce Vita...more like La Dolce ME-a."? Then you've come to the right place.) Search for any of these groups, and click the "Join" option in the top right.

The Digital Map is Growing

- Fifty-six Loafers have plotted themselves on the BLSE 100+ digital map, with bios documenting the survival of a jalapeño plant, progress towards perfecting a ma pa tofu recipe, and the arrival of a first

grandchild. The map is being updated, so please pin yourself if you haven't already:

<https://breadweb.middlebury.edu/pages/blse-2021-map>

Cyberbarn is for Everyone

- Don't be shy about posting in Cyberbarn to ask questions about teaching, gauge interest in forming groups, circulate job announcements, etc.

What's the Weather Where You Are?

Your photos and weather reports



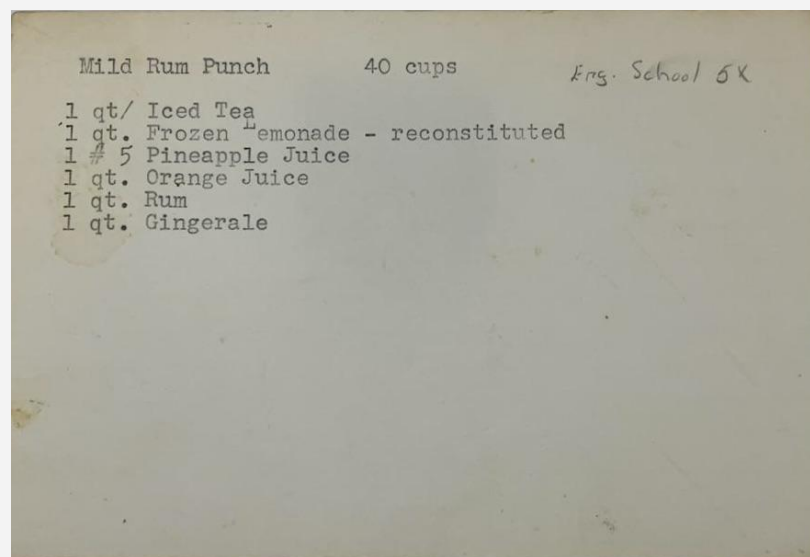
Thanks to Katie Brimm for our weather check-in this week from Carbondale, Colorado. Gorgeous!

Send *your* weather photo to jeweber@middlebury.edu.

Historical Snippets

The Middlebury College Library's Special Collections team is sharing documents and photos with us this summer to help us to capture the history and culture of Bread Loaf over its 100+ years. This week, in honor of the holiday, here's a recipe for BLSE Mild Rum Punch.

The index card found in this recipe box "probably belonged to Alfreda DeGray, long-time cook at Middlebury and Bread Loaf. During DeGray's tenure (1945-1987), women in Dining Services were primarily responsible for cold salads, appetizers, and lunches, while male cooks oversaw main courses," said Special Collections Librarian Kaitlin Buerge.



Want to dip into the archives yourself? [Click here to access the Middlebury Special Collections of BLSE images and documents on The Internet Archive.](#)

Bread Loaf School of English 2021 July Events Calendar

| DATE | TIME | EVENT | DETAILS |
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| Tues, July 6 | 12:00 PM | Elizabeth Drew Memorial Lecture | A conversation with Bakari Sellers, moderated by Bread Loaf faculty member Doug Jones. REGISTER HERE |
| Tues, July 6 | 3:00 PM | Teachers Teaching Teachers | Each week, teachers meet to share ideas, resources, and experiences. This week, the topic is Alternative Assignments and Assessments. REGISTER HERE |
| Wed, July 7 | 12:00 PM | Ask Me Anything with Emily Bartels | Ask Emily Bartels almost anything about teaching Shakespeare. Limited to 15 people. REGISTER HERE |
| Wed, July 7 | 7:30 PM | Reading of Shakespeare's <i>Pericles</i> | A virtual reading by the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble of the second half of Shakespeare's play. REGISTER HERE |
| Thurs, July 8 | 1:15 PM | Fighting Asian-American Racism through Film and Television, with Alice Joubin | This interactive session discusses new ways to fight anti-Asian racism and misogyny through film and television. Faculty member Alice Joubin will be sharing short clips from different films in an effort to show us our habits and thoughts. REGISTER HERE |
| Thurs, July 8 | 7:00 PM | Bread Loaf Teacher Network | BLTN meeting will feature BLSE and Spelman College faculty member, Dr. Michelle Bachelor Robinson, who will be discussing her community-based research and curricula in her talk "Literacies Learning in and about Communities: Intergenerational Engagement in Cultural Spaces." REGISTER HERE |
| Fri, July 9 | 12:00 PM | BLSE 100+ Open Discussion | A conversation with the BLSE administration and community about our future. This event is limited to 15 people. REGISTER HERE |
| Sun, July 11 | 7:00 PM | Blue Parlor | A perennial favorite returns this summer on Sunday evenings. Find the group on BreadWeb for more info. REGISTER HERE |
| Mon, July 12 | 4:15 pm | <i>Francis Bacon: Revelations</i> , and Lifewriting: Annalyn Swan & Mark Stevens | These Pulitzer-winning co-authors spent 10 years researching and writing the first definitive biography of the life and art of Francis Bacon. REGISTER HERE |
| Tues, July 13 | 3:00 PM | Teachers Teaching Teachers | Each week, teachers meet to share ideas, resources, and experiences. This week, the topic is Community Building in the Post-Covid Classroom. REGISTER HERE |

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| Tues, July 13 | 4:00 PM | Faculty Reading | Bread Loaf faculty members Patricia Powell, Jess Row, and Bob Sullivan will read pieces of short prose and answer questions. REGISTER HERE |
| Wed, July 14 | 1:15 PM | Ask Me Anything with Amy Rodgers | Ask faculty member Amy Rodgers almost anything about using film in the literature classroom. Event is limited to 15 people. REGISTER HERE |
| Thurs, July 15 | 7:00 PM | Bread Loaf Teacher Network | ABL: Youth Engagement through Virtual Voices This session will be led by BTLN fellow Yaneris Collado, the Andover Bread Loaf Network Coordinator. REGISTER HERE |
| Sun, July 18 | 7:00 PM | Blue Parlor | A perennial favorite returns this summer on Sunday evenings. Find the group on BreadWeb for more info. REGISTER HERE |
| Mon, July 19 | 7:00 PM | Kronos Quartet | Join the Kronos Quartet in a new film composed and directed by Nicole Lizée. Nicole's new work, ZonelyHearts, was inspired by 1960s television programs. REGISTER HERE |
| Tues, July 20 | 10:30 AM | "Discovering Your Unconscious Race, Gender/Career, and Sexuality Biases," with Dr. Bentley Gibson, founder of The Bias Adjuster | This interactive workshop will increase participants' awareness and understanding of implicit race, gender, and sexuality biases and the impact of implicit bias on real-world general behaviors, academic practices, and work-practices. REGISTER HERE |
| Tues, July 20 | 3:00 PM | Teachers Teaching Teachers | Each week, teachers meet to share ideas, resources, and experiences. This week, the topic is (Re)Establishing Routines in the Post-COVID Classroom. REGISTER HERE |
| Thurs, July 22 | 7:00 PM | Bread Loaf Teacher Network | BLTN meetings are open to present and past BLTN fellows and colleagues, and any members of the 2021 BLSE community. REGISTER HERE |
| Fri, July 23 | 5:00 PM | Re-Emergence | A virtual presentation by the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble, based upon original writing by members of the Bread Loaf community. REGISTER HERE |
| Sun, July 25 | 7:00 PM | Blue Parlor | A perennial favorite returns this summer. Find the group on BreadWeb for more info. REGISTER HERE |
| Tues, July 27 | 3:00 PM | Teachers Teaching Teachers | Each week, teachers meet to share ideas, resources, and experiences. This week, the topic is (Re)Establishing Routines in the Post-COVID Classroom. REGISTER HERE |